Regarding the use of cell phones on airplanes after take-off, I am a frequent flyer and extensive user of a cell phone. Allowing this would be a huge mistake. It is bad enough these days with people using their cell phones in the airports, especially those with the two way mobile to mobile technology. Most of these people are so rude, and it is bad enough hearing one side of the conversation, but now with the mobile to mobile phones we are lucky enough to hear both sides.

How connected do people need to be. If someone cannot be out of touch for more than an hour or so, why don;t they start using airlines like Southwest where you can take short hops and change planes with transfer time in between the flights. Most airlines are now using the hub concept so that you have at least one connection. Another suggestion is to have the flyers who cannot be out of touch take the train.

You are going to start a war on the airplanes.

Why don't you just let the market forces take care of the situation. Most people who will use the cell phones will be people who are more important in their own mind than they really are, or young people who just have to have their jaws and lips moving all the time.

This would be a great mistake to allow this change to take effect.